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QUICK FACTS ABOUT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

- Assumption offers 40 majors and 44 minors
- 90% of Assumption undergraduates live on campus and housing is guaranteed all four years
- More than 60 clubs and organizations help create a lively campus community 7 days a week
- 23 NCAA-Division II intercollegiate teams and strong intramural and club sports programs
- Located in New England's second-largest city, Worcester, Massachusetts
- Easy access to social and cultural amenities
- Numerous and diverse internship and community service opportunities

Assumption College Parents Committee

The Assumption College Parents Committee is a group of dedicated families that work closely with the College to enhance the experience of current and prospective students. The committee meets twice a year and collaborates with the Offices of Admissions and Career Services on specific events and programs. The group also helps raise funds that support needed student services.

Link to Parent Newsletter Sign-Up www1.assumption.edu/admiss/parent_form.html ■

Welcome Parents!

Choosing a college is an important decision for students and their families. There are many reasons that bright, motivated students choose to attend Assumption. I would like to share three of the reasons that I mention most often when describing Assumption to prospective students and their families.

Assumption offers a classic liberal arts education and strong business and professional programs. Our students are exposed to an array of disciplines that expand their minds and enhance their critical-thinking skills as they consider new ideas, new ways of looking at the world, and new ways of questioning. Faculty members create an academically stimulating environment that challenges students to achieve their full potential as they think through their values and life. At the same time, the skills students learn at Assumption also prepare them for successful and rewarding careers.

Our vibrant Catholic intellectual tradition immerses students in the works of the world's greatest writers, thinkers and artists to explore the connections between faith and reason. As a Catholic institution in the Assumptionist tradition we take religion and faith seriously as an integral part of the human experience. You will explore questions that get to the deepest desires of the human heart in the search for truth. Whatever a student's faith, we believe that the Assumption experience provides opportunities for personal and spiritual growth and the development of a set of values that encourages students

to use their knowledge in service to others. It is an atmosphere that is intellectually challenging, personally rewarding and spiritually fulfilling.

Assumption is a place where people look out for one another. When you choose Assumption, you can count on receiving personal attention from kind, friendly people throughout the community. Faculty, administrators, staff, religious, and students all work together to ensure that everyone here is valued and supported. Assumption is small enough so that people know students as individuals, and large enough for students to find diverse opportunities. Experiences inside and outside the classroom help shape a student's

“personal compass” and encourage intellectual, social, and personal growth.

If these characteristics reflect what you are looking for, explore our guide further and learn more about us. I also hope you will consider visiting Assumption's beautiful campus and meeting some of the people who make our community so special. You will discover that after four years at Assumption you are prepared to pursue the career of your choice, and more importantly, you will have formed a set of values that encourages you to use your knowledge in service to others.

Warm regards,

Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D.
President ■

Academics

Assumption College offers a broad liberal arts curriculum and strong business and professional programs. Assumption teaches students to ask questions, and to find answers. In the classroom, faculty encourage a hands-on approach to learning through group projects, writing assignments, and tasks that encourage students to think, not just memorize. Classes are generally discussions, not lectures.

First-year Program. The Tagaste Project, Assumption's program for first-year students, links two courses from different departments, like business and theology, with a provocative theme. You select a topic and join 19 other students who share your interest. You'll have classes together, live in the same residence hall and enjoy social activities to help you really get to know one another and the two professors who teach your courses.

Honors Program. This highly selective program enables outstanding students to immerse themselves in their individual academic interest/major in creative and personal ways. The program offers small, seminar-style classes, the potential for specialized research, and opportunities to meet socially with your peers and professors.

Western Civilization. The Fortin and Gonthier Foundations of Western Civilization program is a six-course series that explores the relationships among art, history, literature, philosophy, politics and theology over more than 2,000 years. It also offers faculty-led excursions abroad—recently, students traveled to Venice to experience what they had studied.

Internships. Assumption students routinely have internships in Worcester, throughout New England, across the country and around the globe. They are placed in businesses of every type and size, government agencies, research hospitals and nonprofit organizations. More than 50 percent of our 2010 graduates had internships.

Study Abroad. Assumption customizes study abroad to fit each student's educational goals and interests. You could spend a semester, a summer, or a year in Europe, Asia, North and South America, Australia and Africa. You can choose from among 50 sites to study abroad. One- and two-week programs also expose you to valuable international experiences.

Academic Partnerships. Assumption has academic agreements with other leading universities, including the University of Notre Dame, Duke University and Duquesne University Law School. Eligible Assumption students can earn course credits and/or be guaranteed admission to high-caliber undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition, the Colleges of Worcester Consortium enables our students to take classes and attend events at 12 other local colleges.

Academic Support Center. The Center is open to all students and offers peer tutors and professional staff who can assist students with specific subject matter.



MAJORS & DEGREES OFFERED

Assumption College offers 40 majors and 44 minors.

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Art
- Art History
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Communications
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Community Service Learning
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Cultural Affairs
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- French
- Foreign Languages
- Foundations Program
- French Studies
- Geography
- German Studies
- Global Studies
- Graphic Design
- History
- Honors Programs
- Human Services
- International Business
- Italian Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Law and Economics
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Management
- Marketing
- Mass Communications
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Music
- Natural Sciences
- Organizational Communication
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Rehabilitation Studies
- Service Learning
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
- Television
- Theatre
- Theology
- Visual Arts
- Western Civilization
- Women's Studies
- Writing

Assumption College follows a two-semester academic calendar, beginning in late August and ending in May. The liberal arts core requires all students to complete a course in English composition and a writing emphasis course, two courses in philosophy, two courses in theology, and three courses in two of the following three areas: mathematics, laboratory science, or foreign language,

in addition to courses for one's major. Students complete additional courses in literature, humanities and history. Three courses in social science, and one course in either art, music or theater are also required. In order to graduate, students must have 120 semester credits, with 9 to 12 in the upper division of the major. Assumption students have the option of participating in Army and Air Force ROTC programs through a nearby university. ■



Health, Wellness & Safety

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Student Health Services (SHS) provides walk-in health care for sick or injured full-time undergraduates enrolled at Assumption College. Our dedicated staff provides skilled clinical services and comprehensive health promotion programs.

Our goal is to have your child leave SHS not only feeling better, but better informed. We empower our students to become knowledgeable health care consumers and assist them in making positive lifestyle choices. We are dedicated to respecting and protecting patient rights and interests.

Massachusetts requires that students attending colleges in the state carry

health insurance. Students may have coverage through their family's plan, their employment or other source. Students who need to purchase health insurance have the option to purchase a reasonably priced plan offered through the college. The Finance Office administers this option.

For information about purchasing student health insurance through the college, contact the Finance Office at: (508) 767-7412, (from on campus room phones, Ext. 7412.)

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Housing & Dining

At Assumption, 90 percent of the students live on campus for all 4 years, which enables you to build a strong network of friends for life. You'll be part of a dynamic community that is active 24/7. The inclusive residential community fosters individual growth and learning, with an emphasis on personal choice and accountability and a network of support and guidance.



FIRST-YEAR RESIDENCE HALL INFORMATION

Alumni Hall

Alumni Hall is located in the heart of campus next to Desautels Hall. This building houses primarily first-year students in double bedrooms, and is coed by floor.

Desautels Hall

Desautels Hall is located in the heart of campus next to Alumni Hall. This building houses primarily first-year students in double bedrooms, and is coed by floor. Students refer to this building as "Des."

Nault Hall

Nault Hall is located in an area of campus known as "The Hill." This hall is Assumption's designated substance-free housing. Nault Hall is coed by floor, and all four classes are represented in the building. Nault houses residents in single, double and triple rooms.

Salisbury Hall

Salisbury Hall is located on the main

road of the campus, directly across from the Hagan Campus Center and Plourde Recreation Center. It houses primarily first-year and second-year students in triples and quads. Salisbury Hall is coed by floor.

Worcester Hall

Worcester Hall is located directly in back of the Plourde Recreation Center, beyond the outdoor basketball and volleyball courts. It houses primarily first-year and second-year students in triples and quads. Worcester Hall is coed by floor.

Contact:

The Office of Residential Life

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DINING

Assumption College provides a robust dining services program. Great food with plenty of choices and a comfortable atmosphere are part of the experience. There are two locations to choose from, both conveniently located within walking distance of on-campus housing and classrooms. Taylor Dining Hall and Charlie's, the campus eateries, will keep you satisfied; and Taylor always offers a balanced meal to help you choose the right foods and the appropriate portions. Dunkin' Donuts opened on campus next to Charlie's. ■

Campus Resources, Organizations & Activities

Attending Assumption College is more than attending classes. Whether you gravitate towards the stage, playing fields, volunteering, a particular career field, or student government office, Assumption offers a diverse range of activities and opportunities for you to meet new friends, discover new passions, and broaden your perspective. There are more than 60 clubs and organizations, and if you have a special interest that not represented, you can start your own club.



Assumption offers a wide range of intercollegiate, club and intramural sports. There are 23 intercollegiate sports for men and women. Men's sports include: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis and track & field (indoor and outdoor). Women's sports include: basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field (indoor and outdoor) and volleyball. The College is a charter member of the Northeast-10 Conference and competes as an NCAA Division II institution.

Ninety percent of the student body resides on campus and housing is guaranteed all four years. Student activities complement the educational process, coordinating many of the social, athletic, recreational and cultural activities that are offered on- and off- campus.

Through the Student Government Association (SGA), the Campus Activities Board (CAB), and the many student clubs and organizations, Assumption College offers a wide range of cocurricular events. This includes many large-scale events, such as Family Weekend, Siblings Weekend, Welcome Week, Midnight Madness and the Spring Concert. Other more frequent programs include comedians, coffeehouses, films, lectures, off-campus trips and many special events.

There are many opportunities for leadership experiences for students who are interested in getting involved. Students seek out various roles, from student government president to editor of the student newspaper, to service director for volunteer programs, to general members in any of the more than 60 clubs. ■

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Financial Aid & Scholarships

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Scholarships and Grants

Assumption College awards over \$24 million in scholarships and grants each year and 90% percent of our students benefit from these funds. Grants and scholarships do not need to be repaid. Assumption awards institutional grants and scholarships based on a student's need as identified by the FAFSA application and the student's academic potential.

Assumption guarantees the initial level of your institutional grants and scholarships for all four years. (This guarantee is based on your maintaining a satisfactory academic standing and no change in your status with regard to family income, household size and number of students in college.) It is important for you to be able to plan ahead, and consider costs and financing beyond the first year. As an Assumption student, you can expect consistency in your financial aid from your first to your last semester.

Merit Scholarships

Students who are accepted for admission to Assumption are automatically considered for merit scholarship during the admissions process. Assumption awards individual merit scholarships up to \$20,000 annually. No special application is required. These scholarships are based on your high school grade point average, course selection, rank, and extracurricular achievements. These institutional scholarships are renewable each year, provided you maintain a specified grade point average. Students who file the FAFSA may qualify for need-based aid in addition to a merit scholarship.

Outside Scholarships

Scholarships may also be available through sources such as religious and civic organizations, banks and credit unions, your parent's employer, and local businesses. Ask your high school guidance counselor for help researching potential scholarship sources.

Browse www.fastweb.com for more information on scholarships and helpful searches. You should not need to pay to find potential sources of scholarship funds.

You should inform the Assumption financial aid office of scholarships you receive from other sources.

Federal and State Grants and Loans

Assumption awards Pell Grants and the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) based upon financial need and government funding levels.

State Assistance Programs

Many states have grant and/or loan programs for which you may qualify. Contact the scholarship agency in your home state for deadline and application information.

Federal Work Study Program

Assumption offers employment to students who demonstrate financial need to help them pay for their college education. As with any employment, a student must earn work-study funds and is paid in the form of a weekly paycheck, according to how many hours have been worked. ■

Campus Location

Assumption College's beautiful 185-acre campus is located in a suburban neighborhood in Worcester, Massachusetts, the second-largest city in New England. Worcester County is home to 13 colleges and more than 30,000 college students. Assumption students can cross-register for classes at those other colleges or attend events there.

The city offers a rich selection of internships, community volunteer opportunities and service learning placements. Worcester is culturally rich, boasting the world-class Worcester Art Museum, Tuckerman Hall and the Hanover Theatre, as well as a renowned annual music festival and symphony orchestra, and the Ecotarium, a museum of science and nature. There are many outdoor

and recreational activities in Worcester and its environs. Worcester is also home to minor league baseball's Worcester Tornadoes and the AHL Worcester Sharks.

Boston and Providence are less than 45 miles away and there are numerous daily trains to Boston for less than \$8 round-trip. Airports are located in Worcester, Boston, Providence, Hartford and Manchester. ■



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Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER

Fri	Aug 26	New students arrive/Registration
Sun	Aug 28	Returning students arrive/Registration
Mon	Aug 29	Undergraduate, CE & Graduate classes begin
Fri	Sept 2	Undergraduates last day to Add/Drop
Mon	Sept 5	Labor Day – NO CLASSES
Sat-Tue	Oct 8-11	Columbus Day – NO CLASSES
Wed	Oct 12	Undergraduate, CE & Graduate classes resume
Mon	Oct 17	MID-TERM
Mon	Nov 7-18	Undergraduate course selection for Spring 2012 semester
Fri	Nov 18	Undergraduates last day to withdraw from a course: P/NC deadline
Wed	Nov 23	THANKSGIVING RECESS BEGINS
Mon	Nov 28	Undergraduate, CE & Graduate classes resume
Wed	Dec 7	Last day of classes
Thu	Dec 8	Undergraduate study day/Last day of Graduate classes
Fri-Thu	Dec 9-10, 12-15	Undergraduate final exam period
Sat	Dec 10	Last day of CE classes
Fri	Dec 16	Snow period for final exams
Fri	Dec 16	Deadline for CCE Intersession Registration
Mon	Dec 19	Grades due by noon

INTERSESSION

Jan 3-14 CE Online Courses

SPRING SEMESTER

Mon	Jan 16	Registration for all students; Martin Luther King Jr Day
Tues	Jan 17	Undergraduate classes begin
Wed	Jan 18	CE & Graduate classes begin
Tue	Jan 24	Undergraduates last day to Add/Drop
Fri	Feb 17	Undergraduates last day to declare majors prior to Fall 2012 course selection
Mon	Feb 20	Presidents' Day – Undergraduate, CE & Graduate classes held
Mon – Sun	Mar 5-11	SPRING BREAK
Mon	Mar 12	Undergraduate, CE & Graduate classes resume/MID-TERM
Mon	Mar 26 - Apr 4	Undergraduate course selection for Fall 2012



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Wed	Apr 4	No CE & Graduate classes
Thu	Apr 5	EASTER RECESS BEGINS
Tue	Apr 10	Undergraduate, CE & Graduate classes resume
Fri	Apr 13	Undergraduates last day to withdraw from a course; P/NC deadline
Mon	Apr 30	Last day of Undergraduate classes
Tue	May 1	Undergraduate study day
Wed-Tue	May 2-5; 7-8	Undergraduate final exams
Thu	May 3	Last day of Graduate & CE classes
Wed	May 9	Senior grades due by noon
Fri	May 11	Baccalaureate Mass
Sat	May 12	Commencement
Mon	May 14	Grades due by noon

Important phone #s and websites

Admissions Office:
(508) 767-7285
(866) 477-7776 (toll-free)

Main Line:
(508) 767-7000

A directory for all staff and departments can be found at:
www.assumption.edu/about/directory.aspx

Web sites:
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